

HAWK HEADLINER

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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE:
EIGHTH GRADE HERE WE COME!

We have received some exciting news that I would like to share with all of you. No matter what grade your child is in now, someday they will grow up. With that in mind, Friendly Hills has been working hard to offer an alternative to the traditional Junior High or Middle School setting. While that setting may be great for some students, others do better with a smaller more familiar setting.

We have just received news that our pilot program for seventh grade has been renewed, with the addition of an eighth grade for next year. With this new addition, our program will now include two teachers, who will team together. This offers the transition of to multiple teachers while still maintaining the small school feel.

Coming into the program full time will be Mr. Reed. He has been teaching math to our seventh graders this year. He will be the full time math teacher next year for seventh and eighth grade, along with other curricular areas.

The students in these programs also have a four day band program available to them, as well as an elective wheel series. One important component that will also continue is the tutoring program. This has brought a tremendous amount of pride to our seventh grade students as they have worked as assistants to our teachers and staff.

If you have a sixth grade student, I would invite you to call or e-mail me if you have any questions regarding this outstanding program. I will be sending home sign-up information in the very near future. If you have a younger student, we hope that this program is available for many years to come.

Dates of Interest

- 2/1-2/13 Candy Gram Sales Fund-raiser for Science Camp
- 2/7 "February Follies" Dinner and Show @ 6 pm
- 2/14 Candy Grams/Buddy Pictures (Valentine's Day) Site Based Management @ 3:45
- 2/15 Lincoln's B-day Holiday
- 2/18 President's Day Holiday
- 2/19 FHEA (parent group) @ 7 pm
- 2/25 Awards Assemblies and Band Concert
- 2/28 FHES SCIENCE FAIR

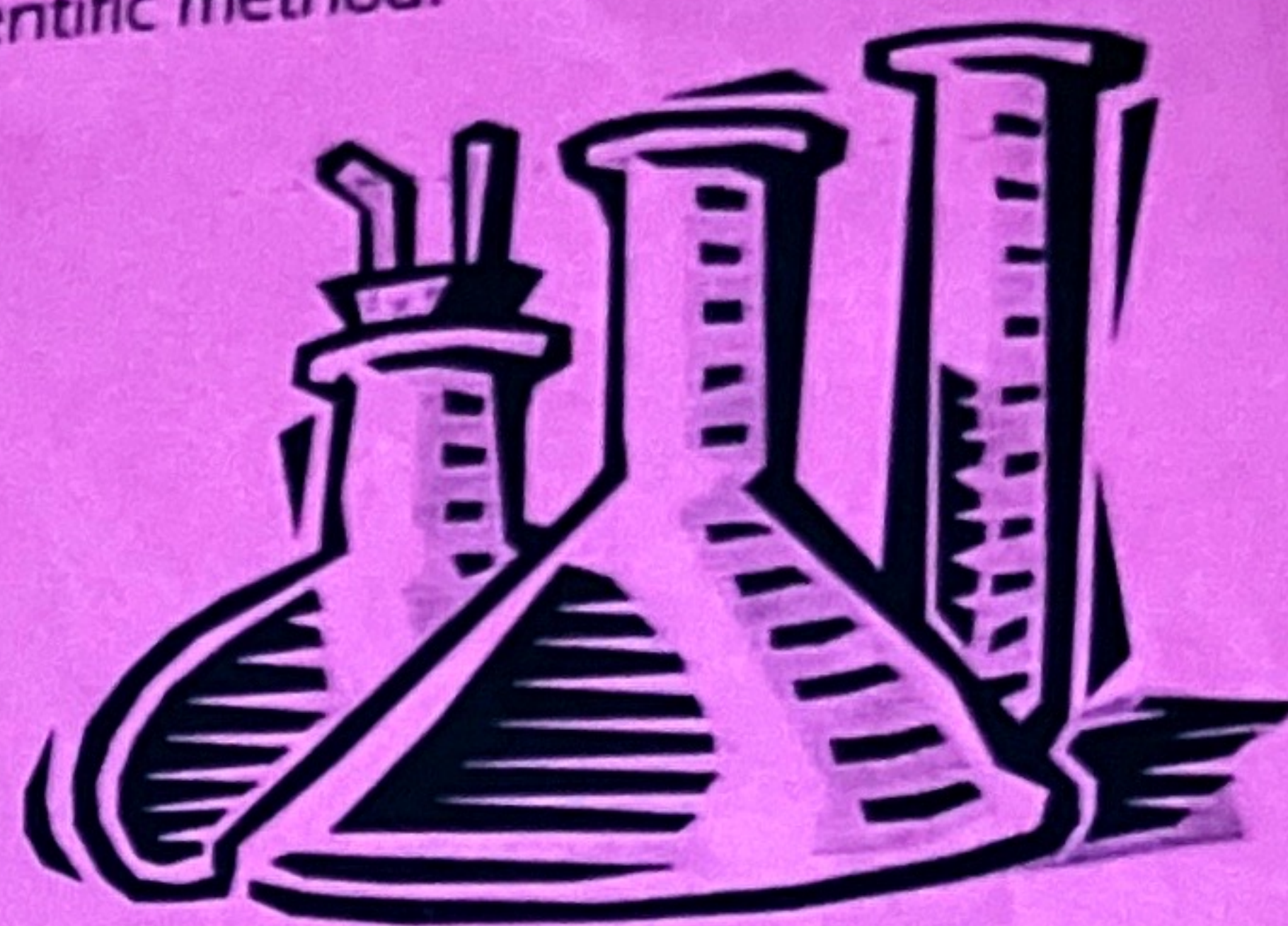


SCIENCE FAIR IS IN THE AIR

The FHES Science Fair will be held on February 28, 2002 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (projects are due on February 27). Students will receive a project proposal sheet when they turn in their interest sheet. The student proposal must be approved by the teacher before the student begins the project. Please read your guidelines and information carefully. If after reviewing your information you have any question please leave a message for Mrs. Mann or Mrs. Winchell, our Science Fair coordinators. Students, don't delay on your project and have fun!

All students at Friendly Hills Elementary are invited to participate in our Science Fair. Many students enjoy simply displaying their projects without becoming involved in the competition. There are four project categories.

- ⇒ Collections – Which demonstrate classification skills
- ⇒ Demonstrations – Which shows how something works.
- ⇒ Original inventions – Something invented by the student
- ⇒ Experiments – A scientific investigation using the scientific method.



Do you "D.A.R.E."?

If you are a sixth grade student at Friendly Hills, the answer is yes. Our sixth grade students will start D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program this month, until the end of the school year. D.A.R.E. is a critical part of our curriculum and is approved through our district office and Board of Education. In D.A.R.E. your child will learn many ways to say no to a variety of peer pressures, ways to deal with problems and ultimately how to take a stand against drugs. Be sure to ask your son/

D.A.R.E.
TO RESIST DRUGS AND
VIOLENCE.

*To the world you may just be
someone, but to someone, you may
be the world.*

Anonymous

daughter what they're learning in their D.A.R.E. sessions. As always if you have questions or would like to observe a lesson, contact the school and we'll let you know of time and location of our D.A.R.E. class.

News from the Library -

Happy New Year to All!

Our 5th and 6th grade classes are just finishing Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner. Our 4th graders are just beginning No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman. Mrs. Mikschl's 7th graders are listening to Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop. We also have loads of fun with grades K-3 as various short stories, poetry and other activities abound.



Paddington's Pals for December were:

Erik McClay (Mrs. Winchell's Class)
Kimane Juneau (Mrs. Mitz's Class)
Lucas Cushman (Mrs. Dempsey's Class)
Devin Coburn (Mrs. Reed's Class)

They each chose a paperback book out of Paddington's basket. Paddington and I would like to thank all of our students for their love of reading and excellent library manners. Until next month...Paddington & Mrs. Shipley

Friendly Hills Elementary Association

The Friendly Hills Elementary Association is our school's parent organization. Parent organizations are often known by acronyms such as PTA or PTO. We are FHEA. Our purpose is to support the important work that our teachers and students are doing here at school. We support this in a number of ways through our time and our ideas.

Please continue to save soup labels and box-tops for education. We have a couple of faithful parents collecting, counting and mailing these in for us. We have over 15,000 soup labels in our account with "Campbell's"...isn't that amazing? As we "bank" our labels, we can save for books, computer software and playground equipment. We've also received a

check from General Mills for \$150 for box tops. If you need a reminder list of product labels to save or a refrigerator saving bag, stop by the office anytime and pick one up.

We encourage all parents to participate in this organization. Over the years many positive things have been brought to this school through the work of this ongoing group. Each year the make up of our group changes as new members join. The leadership of the group also changes. We are very interested in having you participate with us.

Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month in our library. The next parent group meeting will be February 19 at 7:00 pm.

Candy Grams...



From Feb 4-13, our sixth graders will have their annual candy-gram sale before school and during lunch recess. Students will be able to purchase candy-grams for 25 cents each, write a special message and have them delivered to their friends and teachers on Valentine's Day, February 14. Parents are welcome to come into the office and purchase these to

be delivered to their children. The money will be used to help pay for 6th grade Science Camp.



Make Up Work Reminder-

Our teachers love to assist in any way they can, including supplying assignments if your child is ill. However, their day is full with the job of educating those children who are present. Thank you for understanding, that when your child is absent, a 24-hour notice is needed for a teacher to provide make up assignments.

Buddy Pictures



On Thursday, February 14, the sixth grade class will also sponsor "Buddy Pictures". Your child can have a picture taken with their favorite "buddy". The price is \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. These will be digital pictures in a card stock frame. Checks can be made payable to FHEA sixth grade.

Lincoln's and
President's Day Holidays

There will be
NO SCHOOL on
Friday, Feb 15 and
Monday, Feb 18

WINTER (Diamond Poetry by Ms. Sabriar's Second Grade

Winter
Snowboard, Wind
Hot Chocolate, Ice, Snowflakes,
Freezing, Cold

Winter

By Marc Salomon



Winter
Ice, Scarf,
Snow, Jacket, Icicles,
Soup, Cold,
Winter

By Jeremy Dauphinais



Winter
Ice. Hot Chocolate.
Snow. Cookies. Cold.
Snowboarding. Beeny.
Winter

By Clayton Uney

Winter
Ice Cream, Ice,
Snow, Snowman, Freezing,
Wind, Icicles,

Winter

By Aliciann Horner



Winter
Soup, Hot Cocoa,
Mittens, Cold, Jackets,
Boots, Ice,
Winter

By Jessie McCorkle

Winter,
Hot Cocoa, Snow,
Ice Cream, Eat Snow, Stew,
Playing, Snowmen,
Winter

By Amanda Cosner



Winter
Snow, Ice,
Hot Chocolate, Skiing, Scarf,
Jacket, Mittens,
Winter

By I'Brahn Smith

Winter
Ice, Snowboarding,
Snowman, Sledding, Snow,
Igloo, Snowballs,

Winter

By Victor Molina

Winter
Wind, Soup,
Snow, Snowmen, Hot Cocoa,
Icicles, Snowballs,

Winter

By Travis Alday

Winter
Ice, Hats,
Snow, Fires, Chocolate,
Mittens, Cotton,

Winter

By Holly Wightman

Winter
Hot Chocolate, Fire,
Soup, Snowboarding, Jackets,
Mittens, Snow Angels,

Winter

By Michael Klear

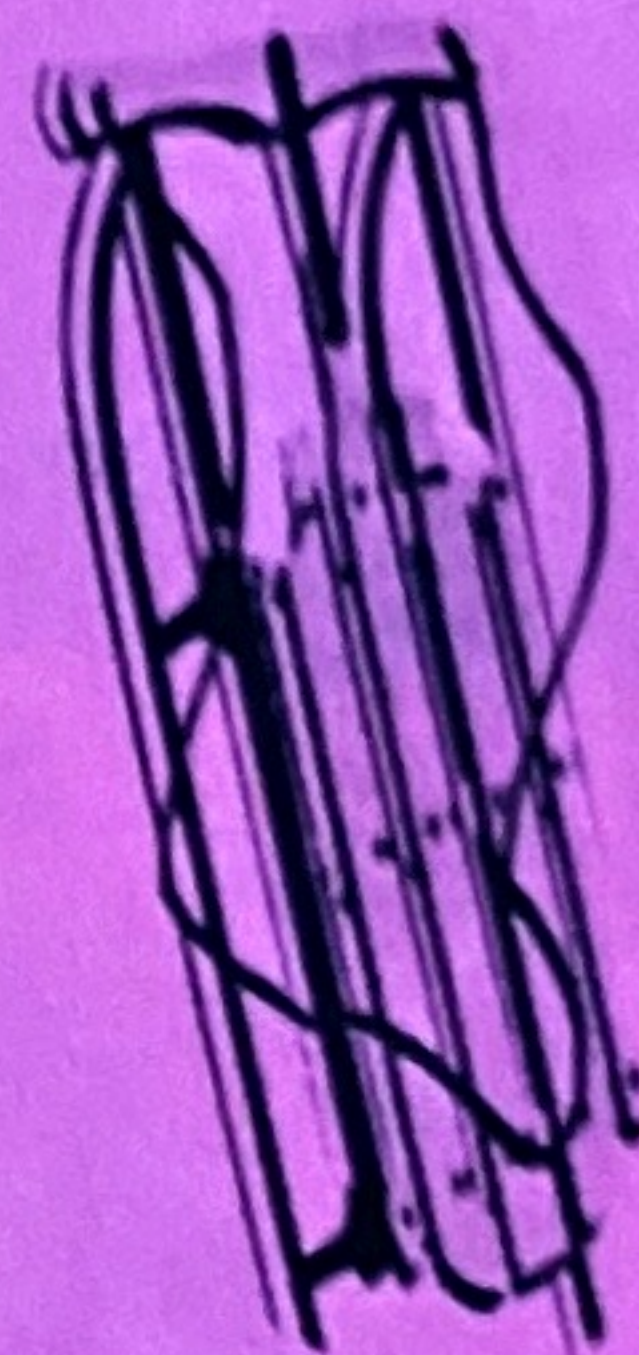
Winter
Ice, Snow,
Freezing, Cold, Hot Chocolate,
Sled, Water,

Winter

By Alexandra Jay

Jack Frost by Jake Bigornia

When I got home from school yesterday, as I walked in the door, I turned into Jack Frost. My house was full of snow and ice inside and out, so I built a sled amusement park. I got money from people to use the park. Somebody brought in a torch and tried to melt my amusement park. I blew cold on him and his torch went out and he ran away. I went outside and the sun warmed me up and I turned into myself again. The house became regular again.



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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

Look for our school website at
the following web site:
morongo.k12.ca.us/schools/morfhe

Our Story

Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since its inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 2500 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong, well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school. This

*School Based
Management is
interested in parents
willing to serve next
year. Please contact
Mr. Blanding*

committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

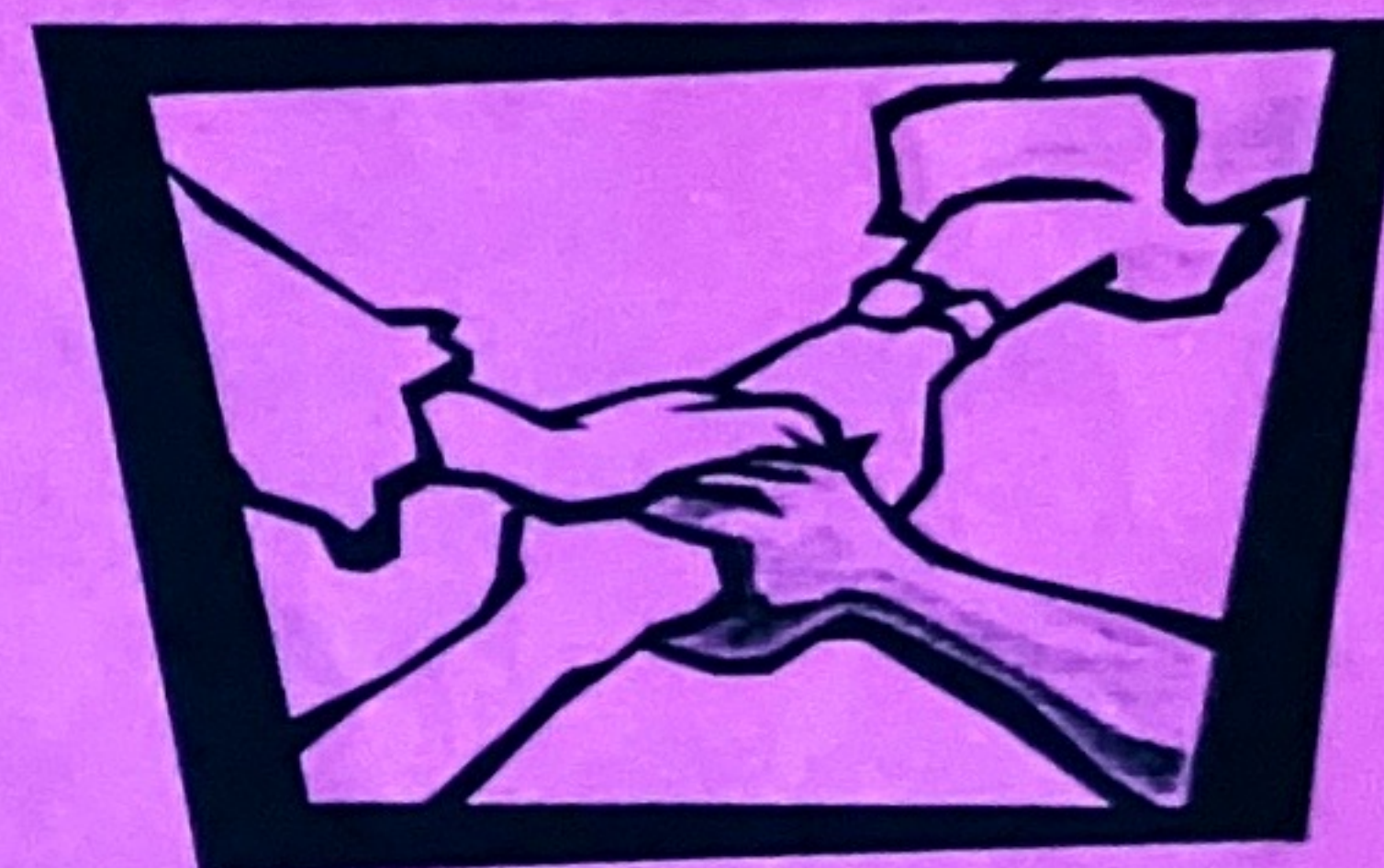
At our last meeting, the committee discussed how to spend the additional Title 1 dollars that were received this year, as well

as the \$10,000 received from meeting the board targets.

After a discussion of these various ideas, it was moved and seconded that we use \$35,000 of the Title 1 money to purchase upgraded computers for the computer lab. This would be used to assist the students who need a more visual style of

instruction in the math area. The current computers are beginning to break down and are needing ongoing repair to maintain. In addition, it was moved that we purchase software to support those students both in the lab and the classroom. Also from Title 1, material to teach the 6 + 1 traits was approved. Finally, the purchase of a scanner to help identify areas that need to be retaught to title 1 students was approved.

The \$10,000 from the board of education was approved for the purchase of blinds for the Library windows, the purchase of TVs and mounting brackets for classrooms and minor purchases of furniture for classrooms. In addition, \$5,000 matching money will be set aside for the purchase and installation of Kindergarten playground equipment.



Free McDonald's treats are in the cards

If your report card is something to smile about,
it could be worth free food at McDonald's.®

If the grades are all A's or O's, you will receive
a free Happy Meal!

If the grades are all A's and B's or O's and S's
you will receive a free Cheeseburger!

Kindergartners will receive a free soft serve
cone just for bringing in their report card!

Children must be present with their report card.
Children grades K-6 eligible.









* Not valid in conjunction with any other offer.



Yucca Valley Desert Hot Springs
Thousand Palms Twentynine Palms

Hugs and Kisses and February, 2002

Friendly Hills Elementary School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3	4 Adm Council for Kevin @ 2	5 Candy Gram Sales All Tech Training (3) @ 3:30 BOE @ 7 pm	6 Week Gr Level Mtgs (5) @ 12:10 and (6) @ 3:45	7 Gr Level Mtg (3) @ 1:20 "FEBRUARY FOLLIES" Dinner and Show @ 6 pm	8 Gr Level Mtg (4) @ 9:30	9 Ground Hog Day
10 	11 Good Touch/Bad Touch (K-3) Adm Council for Kevin @ 2	12 Candy Gram Sales	13 VALENTINE'S DAY (Candy Grams Delivered) SBMC (Lib) @ 3:45	14 VALENTINE'S DAY (Candy Grams Delivered) SBMC (Lib) @ 3:45	15 Lincoln's B-Day Holiday No School	16 
17 	18 President's Day Holiday No School	19 Staff Meeting @ 3:50 BOE / FHEA @ 7 pm	20 	21 	22 Fire Drill @ 10:53 SPORTS RECESS	23
24 	25 AWARDS ASSEMBLIES & BAND CONCERT K-3-4 @ 9:40, 5-6 @ 10:15, K-2 @ 2:45	26 Tech Training (4) @ 3:30	27 	28 SCIENCE FAIR	